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- 1. WE ARE NOT FAVORABLY INCLINED TOWARDS DISCUSSION OF A FREEZE ON MILITARY BUDGETS IN CSCE, AS PROPOSED BY THE ROMANIANS (REFTEL A).
- 2. IN DISCUSSING THE POINT YOU MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO USE THE ARGUMENTATION ADVANCED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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PARAGRAPH 36(9) OF C-M(77)61, I.E., THAT UN WORK ON MILITARY BUDGETS OFFERS MUCH BETTER PROSPECTS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON COMMON CRITERIA AND THAT DISCUSSION OF SUCH A DISARMAMENT INITIATIVE IN CSCE MIGHT IMPEDE PROGRESS AT THE UN.

3. CONCERNING NNA DISARMAMENT INITIATIVE (REFTEL B),

WE CONCUR IN ADDITIONS WHICH DELEGATION HAS PROPOSED THAT ALLIES USE AS COUNTERWEIGHT TO ANY UNDESIRABLE WARSAW PACT SUGGESTIONS. VANCE

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